

# McGuire Airtides



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Photo by Senior Airmen Priscilla Robinson

**CHENEY TO VISIT MCGUIRE** — Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife Lynne walk past the 31st Fighter Wing and Italian Honor Guards after arriving at Aviano Air Base, Italy. Vice President Cheney will be dropping into McGuire Monday on his way to visit a local school. All Team McGuire members, including family members, who are interested in greeting the vice president should meet at the enlisted club at 7 a.m. Monday. Bus transportation will be provided to the aircraft arrival event. For security reasons no large bags, backpacks, camera bags or video cameras are allowed. Uniforms are not required unless individuals are performing an official duty. This is an invitation to greet the vice president, not an order.

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**Saturday:**  
High 70°, Low 50°  
Partly cloudy



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Partly cloudy

Making McGuire a better place to live, work and play



Photo by Brian Dyjak

**HOWDY AND GOOD DAY** — Donald Russell gets a surprise visit from Col. JJ Jackson, 305th Air Mobility Wing commander, while he waits in the laboratory of the Ambulatory Health Care Center here. Colonel Jackson was meeting and greeting his troops at the medical clinic.

## McGuire Action Line

### BX landscape fire damage

**Q.** There was a fire in front of the base exchange about 60 days ago. It burnt a couple of pine trees and about 50 percent of the shrubs. Why doesn't the exchange take a little "Pride" in their facility? If it was a base facility you would be all over civil engineering to get it cleaned up? I enjoy coming to the base, but when I see something like this, I wonder what has happened to management.

**A.** Approximately two months ago the base exchange experienced a fire at the front of the buildings landscaped area. The fire was caused by a cigarette that was discarded by an unknown person. As a preventive measure, smoking restrictions have been implemented requiring patrons to smoke in designated areas that are 50 feet away from the building. The management staff at the McGuire main store does take great pride in the appearance of their facility; however, there were some funding issues that caused a delay in the landscaping being redone. On Sept. 30 work began on the area and damaged trees and shrubs were removed. We have a landscaping company that is currently reworking the area and expect to have the project completed this week. Thank you for your call.

*The Action Line is an integral part of the base feedback network. Use the chain of command to address your concerns first. If you're unable to resolve the problem or concern, call the Action Line at 754-3247 or send an e-mail to [action.line@mcguire.af.mil](mailto:action.line@mcguire.af.mil). Please leave your name and number when you call in case we need to contact you for more information to correctly address your concern.*

## Commander looks forward to new housing, fitness center

As always, there are a lot of good things happening at McGuire. We're on the verge of a major milestone for our military family housing privatization project, which will greatly improve our housing on a compressed timeline over the next few years.

This month we'll publish our request for proposal so potential developers can put together their bids to renovate or replace our existing housing units.

This is exciting news for anyone who will serve here in the years ahead — the current timeline calls for the contract to be awarded next summer, with construction to begin soon after.

Mr. Bill Leonard from the 305th Civil Engineer

Squadron has been working closely with his counterparts from Fort Dix to assure the housing at both bases is upgraded to something we can all be proud of. As part of the process, he's collected a lot of information from past and current base housing residents to build a list of desired features.

We won't be able to offer three-car garages and six-bedroom units, but you can count on a quantum leap in quality over our current units.

Another feature of the new housing I'm sure you'll appreciate is that the housing deal is structured to eliminate out-of-pocket costs while assuring nice homes for our people. I'm delighted with that, because you and your families deserve the very best we can offer. The work you do every

day is important to our country, and we know how important it is to offer you and your families a nice lifestyle.

There are a lot of other projects under way to make our base a great place to live work and play — next week we'll reach another big milestone when we open our new base fitness center.

I've heard from many of you on that project, so it'll be a big event for Team McGuire. We've got a big Sports Day planned to celebrate the opening, so come out and participate.

Have a great week!

— Col. JJ Jackson

305th Air Mobility Wing commander

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## Taking pride in the Garden State ...

# McGuire Sergeant sees greener grass in New Jersey

### Senior Master Sgt.

**Andrew Beebe**

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Green grass abounds. I'm not referring to the local sod farms. It's coming up between my toes. The old adage, "The grass is always greener on the other side of the hill" has been challenged in my life lately. I've been assigned to McGuire for a tad over two years now and I'm progressively more pleased with my decision to move to New Jersey and McGuire over opting for retirement.

I had heard all the rumors and innuendo about McGuire and New Jersey. I had traveled through the state, but as luck would have it, took the turnpike. When envisioning New Jersey the stereotypical smoke stacks and pavement prevailed in my thoughts. The people, places, and my experiences in New Jersey, east-

ern Pennsylvania and New York City have dispelled these myths in the last two years.

I've hiked part of the Appalachian Trail that runs from Georgia to Maine and ironically passes through New Jersey. I've spent weekends in Manhattan in five-star hotel rooms overlooking Central Park. Broadway shows, professional sports, theme parks, zoos, campgrounds, bike trails, the shore, the mountains and on and on. I've done all these things and I've done them all within a day's drive and often an even more enjoyable train ride of my home.

In over 23 years of service in the Air Force, I don't recall encountering as much support for my comrades and me as I do in this part of the country. Citizens routinely thank me for my service after discovering my profession. Merchants offer discounts and often don't charge for some activities. The cost for public transportation in New Jersey is

reduced for the military. I enjoyed the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Manhattan at no charge to my family and me. I continue to be honored by the people in our communities.

Communities continue to outdo themselves by hosting events and festivals. The arts are thriving and sports are plentiful. Educational opportunities are countless. Patriotism is rampant. My time stationed at McGuire and Fort Dix will be difficult to match. I've never felt so complete and alive as I do immersed in the culture of this community.

I occasionally still hear from folks that cling to the vision of New Jersey that's bantered around by the naysayers. I'm more convinced than ever, that they've never been to the Garden State and enjoyed all the area has to offer. They've never driven through the dairy farms and coastal plains. They've never taken in an outdoor concert in the cool fall air. They've never been greeted by the warm people I am coming to know as neighbors. They've never taken their shoes off and felt the green grass of this great area pushing up between their toes ...right here on THIS side of the hill.



## AFSPC CC looks ahead at space professional development

### By Gen. Lance Lord

Air Force Space Command commander

#### PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFPN) --

Earlier this summer, Undersecretary of the Air Force Peter Teets and I outlined for Congress our strategy to develop the professional space cadre the nation needs to acquire and operate future space systems. We in Air Force Space Command have an aggressive career field tracking plan, matched with an educational plan, to move spacepower forward. Here's an overview of our first steps.

First, we've identified every individual who qualifies as a "space professional," and then created a method to record and track the unique experience that differentiates him or her from all other Air Force specialties. Congress initially focused solely on the officer corps, but we quickly expanded the definition to include a Total Force ensemble of enlisted members and government civilians, as well as Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members.

Believe it or not, resolving who is and who is not included has been one of our toughest challenges in moving forward. At this point, we define "space professionals" as individuals from all specialties that research, design, develop, acquire, operate, sustain or enhance our space systems. This includes a broad range of career fields such as communications, intelligence, maintenance, logistics, weather and a host of others. A subset of this overall group is referred to as the "space cadre" and it consists of the scientists, engineers, program managers and

operators who are principally responsible for taking our military space systems from "concept to employment." This smaller group is the focus of our initial efforts, and so far we have identified nearly 10,000 members. As we continue to evolve, individuals from other career fields may well migrate into the cadre.

Along with identifying who is in the space cadre, we developed a process to track people's unique space expertise, based on nine distinct categories of "space experience codes" or SPECs. The nine SPECs are: satellite systems, nuclear systems (e.g., ICBMs), spacelift, missile warning, space control, intelligence/surveillance and reconnaissance, kinetic effects (e.g., ballistic missile defense), space warfare command and control (e.g., AOCs), and a general category for all other space experience. To date, we have evaluated more than 7,000 active duty officer and enlisted records and documented each individual's history of space experience codes along with his or her current level of certification.

The next step involved development of a space education continuum, specifically targeted to members of the space cadre and offered at recurring points throughout their careers. Similar to PME, these courses are designed to prepare people for progressively higher levels of responsibility. By periodically bringing members of the cadre together, the space education continuum will also serve to help nurture a stronger sense of "space culture," which was a particular area of concern for the 2001 Space Commission. So far, the catalogue of courses includes Space 100, Space 200, Space 300 and

Advanced Space Training for our various operational space systems.

To tie all of these education and training initiatives together, we are moving forward on the standup of a "National Security Space Institute." Our goal is that the institute will transform our existing Space Operations School into a DOD-wide center of excellence for space academic training. In addition, we will partner with a consortium of civilian institutions of higher learning to leverage their existing academic expertise in the areas necessary to develop our space professional community.

We already have space professionals integrated and bringing space capability to the combatant commanders and combat air forces. Approximately 135 individuals have graduated from the Space Weapons Instructor Course at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. They are integrated throughout the Air Force providing space expertise in and out of theater. We have roughly 500 additional people that have experience with space integration work in theater and we have sent more than 1,600 personnel from AFSPC to the theater for operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

That is where we have been and where we are going. We have taken the initiative to step forward smartly, but nothing happens overnight. We have still got a great deal of work ahead of us and it will take everyone's help. Space systems and capabilities are integral to our success in fighting today's battles and the linchpin to all planning and execution for success in tomorrow's battles. The contribution of every member of the space professional development community, is vital to our success.



# Annual CFC fundraiser kicks off Tuesday

By Airman 1st Class Rachel Martinez  
Staff Writer

The annual Combined Federal Campaign kicks off 10 a.m. Tuesday at the officers' club and runs until Nov. 19.

The CFC began in the early 1960s and is the only authorized solicitation of federal employees in the workplace on behalf of charitable organizations.

Col. JJ Jackson, 305th Air Mobility Wing commander, the Fort Dix commander and the president of the Burlington County CFC will speak about the CFC and

sign their pledge cards during the ceremony.

On average, one in four federal employees or their family members will benefit from the CFC charities this year alone.

Donors designate which charity, or charities, receives their money by filling out a pledge card.

There are more than 2,000 local, national and international organizations people may choose to donate to. Almost 50 of those organizations are in South Jersey and Burlington County.

Last year, McGuire raised \$157,000, accounting for 60 percent of Burlington County's total contributions for the year. The campaigns goal this year is to have 100 percent contact.

"Making sure everyone has an opportunity to contribute is more important than how much money we raise," said Colonel Jackson.

CFC representatives will visit workplaces and distribute a guide listing all the organizations and contribution forms. Each group and squadron has a representative that will visit workplaces beginning Tuesday.

In addition to soliciting donations, the CFC team is holding a softball tournament Oct. 21. Keep reading the **Airtides** for more information on the tournament as the date approaches.

For more information on the CFC, contact Capt. Rick Mastalerz, McGuire CFC point-of-contact, at 754-4639 or visit the CFC Website at [www.opm.gov/cfc](http://www.opm.gov/cfc).

## 305th AMW Manpower office finds new home

By Sharon Gunselman  
305th Mission Support Squadron deputy commander

The 305th Air Mobility Wing Manpower Office merged with the 305th Mission Support Squadron Oct. 1 as part of the Air Force-wide merge.

Since Manpower controls the spaces people fill and the personnel office owns the resources that fill those spaces, the two units often work together on issues.

"The biggest benefit of the merger is

that customer service will be even better," said to Lt. Col. Peter Gardzina, 305th MSS commander. "It will give the wing commander one squadron to touch for all the human resource-type actions that occur here."

The improved linkage between the two areas is designed to enhance the personnel development process. In the past, there have been debates about what is a space issue (manpower) or face issue (personnel). Now, customers will be more expeditiously served by the same organization.

Because the personnel and manpower communities both contribute to managing the Air Force's most valuable resource -- its people -- the merger will foster better resource management.

"The goal is to efficiently, effectively and expeditiously move the right people to the right places with the right skills at the right time," said Colonel Gardzina. "This merge will also broaden the opportunities available to both manpower and personnel Airmen, enhancing their contributions to the total Air Force mission."

Due to the very good relationship Mission Support has had with Manpower, Colonel Gardzina oversaw a seamless merger at McGuire. The Manpower personnel have been attending squadron staff meetings and have had an open invitation to participate in other squadron activities.

The 305th Mission Support Squadron welcomes the addition of the Manpower Flight and expects customers will be very pleased with the high level of service provided.



Photo by Brian Dyjak

### WAR GAMES —

Maj. John LaPore (left), 305th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, and Senior Airman Bruce Satterlee, 305th Security Forces Squadron, work through a simulated terrorist scenario during a mobility exercise Thursday. The MOBEX is first in a series of exercises preparing McGuire members for the 2005 Inspector General Exercise, and to finely tune deployment and employment skills. Close to 200 participants from McGuire participated in the exercise, which started last week and ended Thursday.

# Sick call procedures change Service improves at Dental Clinic

By 2nd Lt. Sandra Seidel  
305th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

In an effort to better meet customer needs, the 305th Dental Squadron is changing their daily sick-call process.

Beginning Oct. 15, the dental clinic will transition from the old "stand-by" routine to a systematic same-day appointment system.

"Your time is valuable as a member of Team McGuire," said Col. Robert Gamble, 305th Dental Squadron commander. "We just want to make sure patients with urgent needs aren't waiting too long to get evaluated."

When an acute need is necessary such as a toothache, broken tooth, post-surgical complication, or trauma, Team McGuire members can now call the dental clinic to make an immediate same-day appointment.

A technician will ask a few questions in order to give the doctor a better idea of the individual's situation and give them an immediate appointment.

Colonel Gamble said the first goal of the new service the dental clinic offers is to make the process more convenient for the customer and have their urgent needs addressed in a timely manner.

"Patients will actually have an appointed time to come in so they can continue to plan their day until their scheduled appointment," explained the colonel. "Sometimes just knowing you have an appointment the same day can reduce stress for someone with acute needs."

The new process will also minimize time spent away from duty sections.

The second goal, he said, is to make internal processes in the clinic more efficient.



Photo by Denise Gould  
Airmen 1st Class Nailah Dillard, 305th Dental Squadron technician, examines a patient's x-rays at the dental clinic here. The clinic recently changed their sick-call policy to better serve Team McGuire with a new same-day appointment system.

"We can make better use of our time by planning around sick-call patients," said Colonel Gamble. "With the old system, we had no idea of how many sick-call patients we might get in. We could have eight sick-call patients and only one doctor available."

In that case, he said, patients end up spending too much time away from their duty sections waiting to be seen.

"With the new system, if same-day appointments aren't filled, then we can try to use those times for someone who has a routine appointment scheduled for a later date, he explained. "The end result of the improved system will be happier customers," said the colonel.

To schedule an appointment at the dental clinic, please call 754-3786.

## Airmen shadow officers under new program

By Airmen 1st Class  
Ashley Casas  
Editor

Fifteen Airmen got a better idea of what it's like to be an officer Oct. 1, as members of the first Airmen-to-company grade officer shadowing program.

The program started as a follow up to the CGO organized Airmen's commissioning seminar, "From Stripes to Bars."

"We wanted to give the base Airmen a chance to follow around a young officer for a day and see what life as an officer is really like," explained 1st Lt. Craig Mills, 305th Civil Engineer Squadron saber chief and CGO Committee president. "This also gave them a great chance to ask questions and see some other career fields."

The day kicked off at the officers' club with presentations from Col. JJ Jackson, 305th Air Mobility Wing commander, Senior Airmen Brianna Oberg, Airmen Activities Council president, and Lieutenant Mills.

Afterward, the 15 Airmen were assigned to 15 officers of all ranks and followed them to their duty section for the day.

"This program enlightens the enlistees on what an officer does. It will help people understand what an officer goes through on a daily basis," Airmen Oberg said.

At Colonel Jackson's request, from now on, every Tuesday any McGuire enlisted personnel will have the opportunity to shadow the wing commander for a day.

"This is done on a volunteer

basis," said Lieutenant Mills. "You can either volunteer yourself, or your supervisor can put you in for the program. Your name goes on a list and we simply rotate."

It's a great opportunity for members to better understand what I do and how things run, said Colonel Jackson. "It's also a great opportunity for me to meet more of my troops."

Because of its success, the CGOC plans to make the commissioning seminar and shadow program an annual event.

"We are planning to organize a day where officers are able to shadow Airmen," said Lieutenant Mills.

"Understanding how the whole Air Force works is essential to understanding the mission. It's important to know how the an individual adds to the team -- that's the bottom line of this shadow program."



## News Briefs

### VITA seeks volunteers

The base is looking for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance representatives. Any active-duty member, retiree, civilian employee or a family member over the age of 18 can be a VITA representative and help assist active-duty members, retirees and their families with filing state and federal income tax forms. The Internal Revenue Service training class is free. The date will be announced as the information comes available. For more information on volunteering, call Tech. Sgt. Holly Shoesmith at 754-1531, 754-2010 or [holly.shoesmith@mcguire.af.mil](mailto:holly.shoesmith@mcguire.af.mil).

### myPay usage deadline

myPay website usage became mandatory Oct. 1. Military members will no longer receive a hard copy of their Leave and Earnings Statement and will have to log into myPay to view their LES and make routine pay transactions. To view the latest myPay briefing, visit <https://intrainfo.mcguire.af.mil/305AMW/finance/Customer%20Service/MyPay%20News.htm>.

### CJR waiting list revised

The Air Force has revised the career job reservation list to meet end-strength goals under force shaping. While five new Air Force specialties have been identified as constrained, another six have been released from the list. All constrained Air Force specialties receive quotas and have a ranked wait list established. All first-term Airmen will need to apply within the appropriate CJR application windows. Limiting CJRs is the latest in a series of Air Force initiatives to ensure the service keeps people only where they are needed. First-term Airmen serving in currently constrained career fields may not be allowed to re-enlist, unless they are approved to retrain in another specialty. Only first-term Airmen selected for re-enlistment by their commander will be allowed to apply for a CJR.

For details and a complete list of constrained specialties, Airmen can contact the military personnel flight's re-enlistment office at 754-2362 or visit the CJR Web site at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlistments/Reenlistments/CJR.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enlistments/Reenlistments/CJR.htm).

— Courtesy of AFPC News Service



# Efforts speed up cargo shipments to warfighters

By Capt. David Huxsoll

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILL.** — America's warfighters are receiving necessary equipment and supplies more quickly and predictably, thanks to Defense Logistics Agency and Air Mobility Command officials' efforts to improve their processes for packaging and moving military cargo.

Beginning this summer, all Department of Defense shipments originated and controlled by the agency have been prepared at its consolidation and containerization points instead of sending the items to individual Air Force aerial ports for preparation there.

"We're consolidating and aggregating materiel at these (points) so that it can then flow directly through the distribution process," said Brig. Gen. Loren M. Reno, AMC director of logistics. "The truck will drive right up to the back door, materiel will flow right through the aerial port, right through the front door and right out to the aircraft. It won't have to be broken down and rebuilt, retagged, rebagged, recapped and reloaded."

This marks a significant change

from the way business was conducted before, when many small packages would arrive at an aerial port throughout several days from many sources. People at individual aerial ports would hold cargo until it could be sorted, combined and palletized.

"We've moved that back to the DLA facility," General Reno said. "Now we can use the aerial port for the movement of already-prepared-for-air shipments."

After a meeting of the Distribution Transformation Council at the Defense Distribution Center in Susquehanna, Pa., Gen. John W. Handy, commander of U.S. Transportation Command and AMC, told General Reno of his plan to move the processing of these shipments from the aerial port to DLA consolidation and containerization points.

He said he also wanted information on these shipments loaded into computer-tracking systems at the points. Within a week, teams from the command and DLA were meeting to begin these changes.

"The results have been significant process changes, not just problems fixed," General Reno said.

The process changes will increase the speed and predictability of warfighter support.

"This whole process is about efficiency and effectiveness," General Reno said.

"It's optimizing the (DLA points)," he said. "It's managing cargo from ... arrival, instead of waiting until it gets to the aerial port three or more days later. It's more cargo to fewer locations. It's pack it once and unpack it once."

"It's the opportunity to right-size our transportation resources," he said. "It's fewer trucks carrying larger packages, instead of a lot of trucks carrying a lot of small packages. It's better insight of the transportation resources we have in the United States and in the theater."

Now small packages and depot shipments controlled by DLA are sent directly to the specified points. Computer systems for tracking shipments are being integrated, with information entered at the points. DLA officials have also completed their plan for processing direct vendor delivery shipments at the points instead of aerial ports.

Officials at the DLA office of operations research and resource analysis are developing a tool to predict the number of pallets that will flow from a DLA point to an aerial port during a 48- to 96-hour period. This will not only

allow aerial port staffs to schedule their workloads, but may eventually be used by Tanker Airlift Control Center officials to forecast and schedule aircraft, said Lt. Col. Steve AuBuchon, chief of the cargo management branch of AMC logistics' air transportation division.

"This predictor is based on actual materiel requisition orders and known processing times, so this system can be proactive," Colonel AuBuchon said. "The ideal is that aircraft and pallets will arrive at the port essentially at the same time."

Under the current system, aircraft are usually dispatched after a surge appears. Since it can take some time to arrange for airlift, often aircraft arrive days later, creating cargo backlogs at the ports.

Colonel AuBuchon said officials are working toward reducing variability in processing times. "Results are preliminary but promising," he said.

"As we work through this and come up with optimum solutions to these questions, we need to think about the impact," General Reno said. "We need to think about the impact on the distribution process owner, the channels and supply system, pipeline times and related costs. We want a common process for peace and war."



Photo by Carlos Cintron

**DISH UP —** Master Sgt. Caroline Savage, 721st Air Mobility Squadron, serves Airman 1st Class Pamela Alcivar, 305th Security Forces Squadron, during the Hispanic Heritage Committee food-tasting luncheon Oct. 1 at Wacky World. The luncheon offered people a taste of a variety of Spanish foods including chicken, pork, rice with vegetables and beans, salad, oven roasted plantains, rice pudding, flan and tres leches cake. A basket of Hispanic food products was raffled off during the luncheon. The event was held during Hispanic Heritage Month, a month designed to celebrate and educate people about Hispanics and their heritage.

# AMC thanks CRAF employees for 'significant' contributions

**By Tech. Mark Diamond**

Air Mobility Command  
Public Affairs

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILL.** — Air Mobility Command officials have begun awarding hundreds of Aerial Achievement Medals and thousands of certificates of appreciation to the employees of commercial air carriers called to duty during the Civil Reserve Air Fleet activation in 2003.

The Civil Reserve Air Fleet, or CRAF, is a fleet of commercial passenger and cargo aircraft contractually committed to supporting Department of Defense airlift requirements when the need for airlift exceeds the capability of military aircraft.

Gen. John W. Handy, commander of U.S. Transportation Command and AMC, activated CRAF Passenger Stage 1 in February 2003 to move U.S. troops during the buildup of forces in Southwest Asia. According to AMC officials, Cargo Stage 1 activation was avoided due the huge "volunteer" effort mounted by the cargo carriers.

During the few months Stage 1 was activated, CRAF carriers flew 4,273 sorties transporting 399,202 passengers and 18 million pounds of cargo in support of U.S. operations worldwide. In fact, during the activation almost 90 percent of passenger movement and 40 percent of air cargo movement was accomplished by CRAF carriers.

To show their appreciation for these commercial air carriers and their employees, AMC representatives plan to personally deliver about 1,300 Aerial Achievement Medals and 5,700 certificates of appreciation to the employees of CRAF air carriers spread throughout the United States.

According to Maj. Gen. Mark Volcheff, AMC Director of Operations, the medals and certificates are AMC's way of paying tribute and recognition to its CRAF partners for their

significant contributions to the Global War on Terrorism. "We want to thank our CRAF partners for their outstanding support during our country's time of need," said the general.

The first presentations took place at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City Sept. 27. A team of AMC people — led by General Volcheff — delivered 131 aerial achievement medals and 112 certificates to North American Airlines employees.

General Volcheff said he's willing to bet that most Americans don't know about the significant contributions made by CRAF carriers.

"Most Americans, I'm sure, don't know that participation in CRAF is voluntary," he said. "Most don't know that, when activated, our CRAF partners have only 24 to 48 hours to respond to their first mission, so they always have to be ready. And most Americans probably don't realize that as our CRAF partners flew into unfamiliar areas, they were out there, unafraid, doing the job that their country needed them to do."

General Volcheff added that it is their volunteerism and patriotism that makes these CRAF employees raise their hand and say "pick me, I'll go, my country needs me."

One person who "raised her hand" was North American employee Ingrid Diaz. According to a company spokesperson, Ms. Diaz flew on more CRAF missions than any other North American employee.

Ms. Diaz, a flight attendant on 25 trips into Southwest Asia, said she volunteered simply because she knew they needed help and they needed volunteers who could go as long as they needed them to.

She said the flights were long and difficult, but she was never really afraid.

"I trusted my passengers and just took it one day at a time," added Ms. Diaz.

The "passengers" Ms. Diaz spoke of were American ser-



Courtesy photo

**Maj. Gen. Mark Volcheff (left), AMC Director of Operations, presents an Aerial Achievement Medal to North American Airlines Flight Attendant Ingrid Diaz Sept. 25, while Dan McKinnon, President of North American Airlines, looks on. On Sept. 25, General Volcheff delivered numerous Aerial Achievement Medals and certificates of appreciation to the employees of North American Airlines, Atlas Air, Polar Air Cargo and Southern Air for their support during the 2003 Civil Reserve Air Fleet Passenger Stage 1 activation. All told, AMC will deliver 1,300 Aerial Achievement Medals and 5,700 certificates of appreciation to the employees of CRAF carriers.**

vicmembers headed for duty in Southwest Asia.

General Volcheff said that during the CRAF activation, North American provided more than six percent of the total commercial passenger movement, or about 24,000 passengers. He said the company also flew 195 missions segments with an admirable 88 percent departure reliability.

Following the North American presentations, the AMC team traveled north to Purchase, New York, where General Volcheff delivered 69 medals and 534 certificates to the employees of Atlas Air and Polar Air Cargo, separate air carriers owned by the same company, Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.

Jeff Erickson, president and chief executive officer of Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, opened the awards presentation with a few remarks.

"Our relationship with Air Mobility Command has been going on for sometime now — certainly through a very critical period during 2003 — and continues today," said Mr. Erickson. "While we have

a business relationship that works very well for us, and hopefully for [AMC] as well, I think I speak for the whole Atlas and Polar family when I say there is nothing we find more important than the small piece of our support for [American] troops."

That "small piece of support" came in a big package. During the CRAF activation period, Atlas Air and Polar Air Cargo provided more than 37 percent of the commercial cargo airlift, equal to about 3,300 tons of cargo. Additionally, General Volcheff said both carriers maintained impressive departure reliability rates. Atlas flew 757 mission segments with a 90 percent reliability rate, and Polar flew 398 mission segments with a 93 percent reliability rate.

In front of more than 250 Atlas and Polar employees, the general described the contributions of both air carriers as "exemplary."

Following the Atlas Air and Polar Air Cargo presentations, General Volcheff and his team traveled a short distance to Norwalk, Conn.,

where the general delivered 32 Aerial Achievement Medals and 98 certificates of appreciation to the employees of Southern Air.

Southern Air provided about two percent of the total commercial air cargo movement (about 180 tons of cargo), and flew 69 missions with an 81 percent reliability rate; what the general called "impressive work" considering the size of the company. Southern Air operates a fleet of four B747-200 freighter aircraft.

Although General Volcheff and his team have already delivered numerous Aerial Achievement Medals and certificates of appreciation, about 1,000 medals and 4,950 certificates remain to be delivered to CRAF partners, including air carriers in Alaska and Hawaii.

Those numbers aren't dissuading AMC leaders.

According to the general, AMC will make every effort to present the remaining medals and certificates in the same personal style as the first. "It's that important to us," he said.



## In the... Spotlight

**Rank/Name:** Tech. Sgt.  
Pamela Gacayan

**Age:** 30

**Hometown:** Luna Pier,  
Mich.

**Family:** Husband,  
Randall Gacayan and  
daughter, AislinnJoy

**Duty Title/Unit:** 21st  
Expeditionary Mobility  
Task Force NCO in  
charge of personnel pro-  
grams

**Time in Service:** Twelve years in Air Force, three  
years at McGuire

**What I Like Most About Being Stationed At  
McGuire:** Its proximity to so many big cities

**The Military Member Who's Influenced My Career**

**The Most Is:** Maj. Rivera-Prestgard, Master Sgt.  
Durham, Master Sgt. McGill, Master Sgt. Peele and  
Staff Sgt. Gacayan

**My Proudest Military Moment Is When:** My parents  
were able to attend my pin-on ceremony to technical  
sergeant and pin on my stripes

**Five Years From Now I'll:** Stationed with my family  
somewhere overseas

**Dream Job:** Owning my own business

**I Like to Pig Out On:** Taco Bell

**Favorite Movie:** Officer and a Gentlemen and The  
Princess Bride

**Hobbies:** Movies, music, taking photos of my  
daughter

**Motto:** "Don't waste your time worrying about things  
you have no control over. Leave it in God's hands."

**Supervisors Comments:** My troop is a warrior  
because of her professionalism and dedication she  
brings to the EMTF. She has the greatest work  
ethic and doesn't settle for anything less than per-  
fection.

— Master Sgt. William Moore  
21st Expeditionary Mobility Task Force



**Tech. Sgt.  
Pamela Gacayan**

## Deployed McGuire members support OEF

**By Staff Sgt. Chuck Marsh**  
376th Air Expeditionary Wing  
Public Affairs

### MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyz Republic —

Between Sept. 2 and 21, 162 aircraft missions with more than 4,600 passengers and hundreds of tons of cargo aboard arrived at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyz Republic. Some stayed, some moved through. All of this happened flawlessly because of the motivated Airmen of the 376th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, and some help of coalition partners.

Who makes this happen? The Air Terminal Operations Center is where all flights in and out, as well as the passengers and cargo each aircraft carry are tracked. Integral parts of the ATOC are the load planners, who know how much cargo and how many passengers can go onto each aircraft, and the freight supervisor, who is in charge of all the cargo that gets uploaded. Just as important, but separate from ATOC, are the members who track the personnel movements.

All the agencies performing the mission fall directly under the supervision of Master Sgt. Jay Rigney, the 376th ELRS Air Terminal manager deployed from the 305th Aerial Port Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, NJ.

"This is a great bunch of folks I've got working for me. They have gone about three weeks so far with no days off and working their fingers to the bone 14 or so hours each day," said Sergeant Rigney.

"It's been a lot more busy here than normal because of the temporary closure of Ramstein Air Base, Germany's, runway, but we expect -- hope -- it will slow down a little by the end of the month," said Sergeant Rigney.

Just how busy have they been? The total cargo moved through the cargo yard this month is an impressive 1,633 tons, or about 3,266,400 pounds. The logistics community compiles weight statistics

by counting cargo each time it is moved. For example if a 100 pound-box is moved five times, it is calculated as 500 pounds.

The 16-plus hour shifts are grueling, but worth it, said Airman Robert Batchelor, a 376th ELRS cargo processor deployed from the 305th APS, McGuire AFB.

"These are the longest hours and probably the most I've worked since I joined the Air Force," he said. "Working this much and keeping so busy isn't that bad of a thing, it makes the day go by a lot faster."

Also deployed from McGuire's 305th APS, Staff Sgt. Davin Malette, passenger terminal NCOIC, said as the only Operation Enduring Freedom base that has a rotator, they handle all incoming and outgoing passengers for the AOR. It is the biggest part of their mission.

"The rotator brings in anywhere from 160 to 250-plus people each week. We have to move as many people as we can as fast as we can. Everyone who goes to or comes from downrange comes through here. That even includes Army, Navy, Marines and helping out the AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) folks as well," he said.

Just managing the transient passengers is a full-time job.

"I'm the point-of-contact for all the Army, Navy and Marines who come through here," said Army Sgt. Ana Chavez, 436th Transportation Battalion, Fort Wadsworth, N.Y., who works side by side with the Air Force planners.

"Sometimes whole battalions come through, some on commercial aircraft, so we pick them up and get them onto planes either going to or coming from downrange," said Sergeant Chavez.

Aside for the passengers and baggage, there is a steady, heavy flow of cargo going to destinations throughout the theater. The steady flow of C-17s, C-130s, KC-135s and civilian contracted aircraft keep the logistics crew busy.

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Courtesy photo

A C-17 Starlifter from McChord Air Force Base, Wash., headed for Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom, is loaded with cargo pallets using a K-loader. From Sept. 2 to 19, the McGuire members assigned to the 376th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, along with other ELRS personnel, have moved more than 133 tons of cargo from the ramp at Manas Air Base.

## Can Do Crew

The Can Do Crew would like to recognize Staff Sgt. Brian Kaiser, 305th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and his wife, Melissa, for providing incredible service. Recently, Sergeant and Mrs. Kaiser approached the scene of a serious car accident. Immediately, they both began to offer assistance. Sergeant Kaiser began applying first-aid to one of the passengers while calling 911. Simultaneously, Mrs. Kaiser began to assure the other members, including the driver's young daughter, that everything was going to be okay. They prevented a bad situation from becoming worse while demonstrating an unbelievable amount of compassion. Be aware that the "Can Do Crew" is everywhere, looking for outstanding service. They covertly seek members of Team McGuire who make a difference, identifying and recognizing only the best. Remember, the strongest asset of Team McGuire is its people; you are what makes McGuire a better place to live, work and play!



## Sniffing out trouble

# Deployed McGuire SFS members provide first-line defense

By Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano

380th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** — Security is a critical component of deployed operations, and the security forces members of the vehicle search area are the first line of defense against would-be terrorists.

The team is comprised of security forces members and military working dog teams from the 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, working together to ensure that every vehicle that enters the installation is not a threat to the people or the mission.

"We are responsible for preventing explosives or any other type of contraband from entering the base," said Tech. Sgt. Jackie Clayton. "Every day we search more than 200 vehicles, ranging from government vehicles to construction equipment -- we search them all." Sergeant Clayton is the NCO in charge of the 380th ESFS Vehicle Search Area at a forward-deployed location in Southwest Asia. He is deployed from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

Together, the security forces members and the military working dog teams provide dual-layered protection for the base.

"Essentially, each relies on the other to create an impenetrable line of defense against a would-be terrorist, and the absence of one or the other makes the fight that much harder to win" said Maj. Richard DeMouy, 380th ESFS commander. "The efforts of the VSA and the MWDs coupled with those of our other base defenders are what

makes it possible for us to get a good night's sleep."

Working in a deployed environment creates a new set of challenges for the VSA team. Like every other career field on the base, the security forces members from the VSA are from bases across the Air Force, and must learn to adjust to their surroundings.

"The biggest challenge for us is the heat," said Staff Sgt. David Coombs, who is the assistant NCOIC for the VSA. "In order to give our guys a break from the heat, we rotate people inside and out to give them a chance to cool off."

Inspecting hundreds of cars every day can be very repetitive, so VSA members challenge themselves to excel at what they do.

"Now that we've been here a few weeks we're getting into a good routine," said Senior Airman Travis Martens, 380th ESFS. "We get better and better all the time, and that's important because we help to protect everyone who lives and works here on the base." Airman Martens is deployed from McGuire AFB.

While the rigors of deployed life might seem discouraging to some, the VSA team members find the positive in the unique challenges deployment offers.

"I don't do this kind of work at my home base," said Staff Sgt. Lisa Brisson, 380th ESFS. "We receive training for working in this kind of environment, but this is a great opportunity to put our training into practice, and make a direct impact on the mission." Sergeant Brisson is deployed from Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Erik Gudmundson

Team McGuire member Staff Sgt. Joshua Bell, and military working dog, Zimbal, search a car at the vehicle search area. Sergeant Bell and Zimbal are on temporary duty with the 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at a forward-deployed location in Southwest Asia.

## ELRS *Continued from page 10*

"It's my job to make sure all the cargo movements go smoothly -- the right cargo and people go to the right places," said Tech. Sgt. Chris Burke, 376th ELRS freight supervisor deployed from McGuire's 305th APS.

The 376th ELRS crew isn't alone in their fight against the clock when goods need to be moved. Over the last two weeks it's not been uncommon to see Spanish and Dutch troops helping to push pallets on and off aircraft.

"The Dutch and Spanish help us out a lot when they can. It's great to work with the coalition partners because it's a great cultural exchange," said Airman Bachelor.

The cargo they take off, move and put back on includes rolling stock, such as aerospace ground equipment or vehicles and pallets of anything you can imagine.

"In one night alone my guys moved 125 pallets," said Sergeant Rigney. "Compared to an average night's movement of 40 to 60 pallets, that's a lot."

The load planners are the individuals who figure out the amount of tonnage each aircraft can upload and how many pallets fit on each aircraft.

"We need to make sure that each aircraft going out of here has the maximum amount of cargo and passengers," said Sergeant Rigney. "If we don't do that, then we're not doing our job."

## Team McGuire on the street

Each week the **Airtides** staff will be out asking Team McGuire members the question of the week. We will publish the answers along with photos in that week's paper.

Members with ideas for a question of the week may submit them to the **Airtides**.

Send an e-mail to [airtides@mcguire.af.mil](mailto:airtides@mcguire.af.mil) with 'Airman on the street' in the subject line.

### What animal best describes your personality?



Tech. Sgt. Douglas Grant,  
732nd Airlift Squadron

What animal best describes your personality? **"Panther"**

Why? **"Because they are powerful and sleek."**



Staff Sgt. Justin Bischoff,  
373rd Training Squadron

What animal best describes your personality? **"Rhino"**

Why? **"Because they are sometimes stubborn, but strong and dependable."**



Staff Sgt. Sabrina Spriggs,  
305th Comptroller Squadron

What animal best describes your personality? **"Tiger -- mostly Tigger"**

Why? **"Tigers are aggressive and family orientated. Tigger likes to have fun."**



Tech. Sgt. Juan Claudio,  
732nd Airlift Squadron

What animal best describes your personality? **"Bear"**

Why? **"They like to sleep but they'll work hard to accomplish any task."**

# In the heat of it

## McGuire's fire department keeps things cool

By Airman 1st Class Rachel Martinez  
Staff Writer

Most people work 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Some work night shift or even twelve-hour shifts. But only one unit on McGuire works 24 hours at a time – the fire department.

McGuire's fire department, part of the 305th Civil Engineer Squadron, is comprised of 42 active duty, six Reserve and 17 civilian personnel. These individuals are responsible for fire prevention and safety on base, the flightline, base housing and the surrounding community.

The first step in becoming a firefighter is to attend technical training. Air Force firefighters attend 73 days of technical school at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

"When I went it was at Chanute (Air Force Base, Ill.)," said Tech. Sgt. Ty Bacon, Reserve firefighter. "It has evolved a great deal."

During school, firefighter trainees are taught the basics of structural and airport firefighting, fire alarm qualification and hazardous material for operator level. They are also trained to be Red Cross certified first responders. The school is accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress and trainees receive 24 college credits upon completion.

"We are one of the premier fire academies in the world," said Staff Sgt. Juan Soriano, airport firefighter instructor at Goodfellow. "Our certifications are on par with the civilian sector. That's why our firefighters are fully qualified when we send them out into the field."

Upon completion of technical school, firefighters are qualified as firefighters one and two out of a possible three and prepared to work full-time as an Air Force firefighter.

A typical day for a McGuire firefighter begins at 7:30 a.m. with roll call. Afterwards, the firefighters check the vehicles. McGuire has two command vehicles, three P-23 crash vehicles, two engines, one rescue vehicle, one water tanker, two maintenance trucks, one P-20 ramp patrol vehicle, one foam trailer and two hazardous material trailers for a total of 15 vehicles.

After checking the vehicles and performing details, the firefighters train until 3 p.m.

"If we're not fighting fires, we're training," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Jenkins, fire inspector.

The daily training is a combination of hands-on, classroom, upgrade and exercises. Some of the firefighters' training includes emergency medical technician, hazardous material technician, airfield driver/operator, response to terrorism, leadership and discipline, aircraft protection, wild land firefighting and medical training.

"A lot of the training includes annual or quarterly requirements to stay qualified as a firefighter," said Senior Master Sgt. Craton Williams, assistant fire chief.

After training, the firefighters have squadron PT and dinner, after which they have some down time.

While some people may think firefighters sit and watch TV until an emergency call comes in, Airman 1st Class Andrew Douglas, firefighter, said most people would be surprised at how much they work.

"We don't sit around all day," he said. "Even

though we only work 13 days a month, we work about 1,600 more hours a year."

All those extra hours of work and training come in handy when real world emergencies arise.

"Being a firefighter is why I am alive today," said David Sheehan, McGuire civilian firefighter. "The training I received 17 years ago in tech school paid off on 9/11. I survived the collapse of tower two and made a successful rescue. There is no greater reward than saving a life."

Rescuing people and saving lives is the most rewarding part of the job, according to a number of other firefighters in the department.

"I get to help people in their time of need and that is rewarding," said Airman 1st Class James Maestas, firefighter.

Along with rewards, come difficulties. The long hours appear to present the most challenge.

"The hardest part of the job is the time away from family," said Airman Maestas. Firefighters are on call or working 24-hours a day, seven-days a week, 365-days a year with no holiday pay.

"Having to deal with people in close quarters for 24 hours instead of eight hours like other jobs is the hardest part," said Airman Douglas. There are a number of different personalities in close quarters and dealing with it can be difficult, agrees Airman 1st Class Logan Madlin.

The time demands can create some personal problems for people.

"Sometimes being a firefighter is challenging on my personal life, but I wouldn't trade it for anything," said Sergeant Bacon. This proves the individuals in the fire department are dedicated to keeping McGuire safe.

Right -- Firefighter Brian Gerhard, from the 305th Civil Engineer Squadron, is pulled to safety by fellow firefighter Staff Sgt. Daniel Hogan during a training exercise.

Below -- Firefighters from the 305th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department prepare for a structural training exercise by donning breathing apparatus. Structural and aircraft firefighting competencies are core capabilities for the department.



Photo by Kenn Mann



Photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Jenkins



Photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Jenkins



Photo by Kenn Mann

Above -- Firefighters from the 305th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department prepare to enter a burning building during a training exercise. The firefighters entered their state-of-the-art structural training building to extinguish a fire. The facility allows the firefighters to practice for different training scenarios.

Left -- A 305th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter is lowered into a small opening to practice securing and extricating a victim during a confined space rescue training mission.

## Firefighter stands out among rest

By Airman 1st Class Rachel Martinez  
Staff Writer

Twenty percent of the Air Force is comprised of women, but that statistic does not match McGuire's fire department's statistics.

Airman 1st Class Amber Dodrill, 305th Civil Engineer Squadron, is the first woman to serve as a firefighter at McGuire in 11 years.

As a child, Airman Dodrill said she knew she wanted a job where she could help others.

"I would always help out all the stray animals I could find," she said. "I just loved them. Being a firefighter lets me feel the wonderful feeling of helping people and animals in need."

Airman Dodrill's mother also had an influence on her becoming a firefighter.

"I come from a single-parent home and my mother taught me to be very independent and I could do anything I wanted," Airman Dodrill said. "She comes from a male-dominated career field also being an aerospace engineer. I grew up learning and seeing a lot of what it is like to work with all males."

When Airman Dodrill announced to her family and friends she was going to become a firefighter, they were shocked but supportive.

"They really thought about all the things I love to do and they were happy for me," she said. "They love to tell everyone they know I am a firefighter."

Technical school presented some challenges for Airman Dodrill. She was one of 16 women with 650 men. Airman Dodrill explained women had a high wash back rate because of the physical factors and that all eyes were on them because of it.

"There were a couple of times where it got rough for me and I wanted to quit, but I kept going," she explained. "All I was looking forward to was putting that badge on my blues."

Airman Dodrill was never washed back and achieved her goal of graduating. After technical school she was assigned to McGuire.

"It is a lot of fun being the only female here," she said. "I feel like a little sister in a \$7 million home with a bunch of big brothers. We do so much together we have to make it fun."

Fun aside, Airman Dodrill must show she is just as capable as the male firefighters.

After completing her career development course and earning her five skill level, Airman Dodrill is now qualified as a driver/operator on most of the vehicles. She is also certified as an EMT, hazardous material technician and interspiro technician.

"I believe I have proven myself here," she said. "There come times when I need to loosen a hose coupling and if it is tough I will hide it. It is all worth it in the end. It is definitely a rewarding job."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Jenkins

Airman 1st Class Amber Dodrill hangs suspended from the third floor of the fire training facility during repel training.



# Around The McGuire Area



## Friday

Stellan Skarsgard and James D'Arcy star in "Exorcist: The Beginning." Father Merrin thinks that he has glimpsed the face of evil. In the wake of all he has seen, both his faith in his fellow man and the Almighty have deserted him. He can no longer honestly call himself a man of God. Merrin travels far from his native Holland in a desperate attempt to escape the horrors that he witnessed there. While drifting from place to place, he finds himself in the place where evil was born, Merrin will finally see its true face. Show time is 7:30 p.m. *Rated R*

## Saturday

Jon Voigt and Scott Baio star in "Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2." The baby geniuses find themselves at the center of a scheme and in a race against time to stop the villainous powerful media mogul Bill Biscane, from using his state-of-the-art satellite system to control the mind of the world's population. Show time is 7:30 p.m. *Rated PG*

## Oct. 15

"Anacondas: The hunt for the blood" *Rated R*

## Oct. 16

"Vanity Fair" *Rated PG*

Effective Oct. 16 the new price list for tickets are as follows: Adults \$3.50 and children \$1.75.



## CAREER & EDUCATION

**Career fair** Prepare for the McGuire/Fort Dix Career Fair scheduled 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 20 at the officer's club. More than 70 companies will be collecting



Photo by Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud

**PLAY TIME WITH PARENTS** — McGuire moms interact as their children play at a family advocacy sponsored playgroup that meets 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays for children 18 months to three years of age and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays for children birth to 18 months at Child Development Center I. The playgroup offers a chance for children to play and interact with other children their age while parents bounce ideas off each other and share milestones. Parents are encouraged to dress children in costumes for a Halloween harvest party on Oct. 25 and 27.

resumes and conducting preliminary interviews for current and future openings. Visit the family support center at 3011 Tuskegee Airman Ave. for resume writing information, resources for success at a career fair and a list of participating companies.

**BCC** Burlington County College is currently accepting registration for on-base power packs and the Fall II term. The following classes are available for registration through Oct. 18.

- ENG 101 College Composition I
  - HIS 102 U.S. History II
  - MTH 107 Introduction to Statistics
  - SOC 208 Social Class in America
- For more information or to register, call 754-2577 or visit Building 1911, Room 209.

### Air National Guard

• The 108th Air Refueling Wing here has traditional Guard vacancies in the following aircraft maintenance career fields: 2A5X3A, 2A5X3B, 2A5X1, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X5, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2A7X2 and 2A7X3. Besides preserving investment in a part-time

military career, New Jersey ANG offers free college tuition and other generous benefits to Guardsmen. Find out how to "fuel your future" by calling the maintenance career advisor, Master Sgt. Vincent Mazza, at 754-4112, or recruiters at (866) GO-NJANG. Members can also visit [www.108arw.af.mil](http://www.108arw.af.mil) for a full listing of traditional Guard vacancies at the 108th ARW.

• The Georgia Air National Guard is looking for electronics (2E2X1, 2E1X1, 2E1X3 & 2E6X3), and mechanics (2T3X1, 3E1X1 & 3E0X2) and communication systems (3C2X1). Unit strength doubling -- need tactical air command and control specialists (1C4X1'S) and air liaison officers. GI Bill and tuition assistance are offered. For more information call 1-800-743-9231 or DSN 358-5604 or e-mail Master Sgt. Kelly Smith at [kelly.smith@gasava.af.mil](mailto:kelly.smith@gasava.af.mil).

**Civil Air Patrol** Civil Air Patrol builds strong citizens for the future by providing leadership training, technical education, powered and non-powered flight ori-

entation, scholarships and career education for young people between the ages of 12 to 18. For more information, call 1st Lt. Katja Abegg at (609) 265-0081 or e-mail [Ksabegg@aol.com](mailto:Ksabegg@aol.com).

**Healthcare careers** The Air Force Medical Service Corps is searching for people who are currently enrolled in college, or recent graduates with a degree in the health career field. For more information call the nearest Air Force health professions recruiter or the Air Force Personnel Center Medical Service Corps at 1-800-531-5811, ext. 5.

**AFJROTC instructor** Air Force Junior ROTC has immediate employment opportunities as AFJROTC instructors for Air Force retired, active-duty members or members retiring within the next six months. Officer and NCO instructors are needed in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, District of Columbia, Virginia, Massachusetts and Ohio. For a complete list of vacancy locations and instructions on completing an AFJROTC instructor appli-

cation, visit, [www.afoats.af.mil](http://www.afoats.af.mil). (select AFJROTC) or call AFJROTC instructor management at DSN 493-5375/5300 or toll free 1-866-235-7682 ext 5275 or 5300.

### Dental assistant class

The Red Cross dental assistant class begins Oct. 20. Anyone interested in joining the program, call Staff Sgt. Marsha Pitts at 754-3788.

## RETIREMENTS

- **Master Sgt. Francisco Saviñón**, 821st Air Mobility Squadron, will retire during a ceremony at 2 p.m. today at Building 3422 in the 621st Air Mobility Operations Group ready room. For more information, call Master Sgt. George Motil at 754-1398.
- **Master Sgt. Alonzo Miller Jr.**, 721st Air Mobility Squadron, will retire during a ceremony 10:30 a.m. Nov. 2 in the enlisted club ballroom.

## ARTS & CRAFTS

The Fort Dix Arts and Crafts Center offers a variety of classes. For more information on the following classes, call the arts and crafts center at 562-5691 or visit Building. 6039.

- **Adult craft classes** are held 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There is a \$5 registration fee plus cost of materials.
- **Children craft classes** are held 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays for children age six to 12. There is a \$5 registration fee plus cost of materials. The next class is Oct. 23.
- **Sewing classes** are held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays. All sewing classes can accommodate beginners unless noted. The class includes materials, instructions, patterns and handouts. All supplies and kits are available for purchase. The next class is Thursday for "Sewing for Dummies and Not So Dummies." Additional sewing classes are Oct. 21 and 28 for "Decorator Pillows with Pizzaz."
- **Quilts For Kids** is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the first Saturday of each month. Help make quilts for kids who are in extended hospital stays or in a safe house. No experience necessary.
- **Rubber Stamping Classes** are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 1 to

3 p.m. Saturdays. All levels welcome. "Stampin' Up!" stamping supplies are available from the instructor. The following classes are available: Oct. 19 -- stamping around - using wheels and Oct. 26 -- stamping in your scrapbooks.

● **Introductory pottery classes** A six week introductory pottery course is held 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays. Session two runs Wednesday to Nov. 17. There is a \$55 registration fee plus cost of materials.

● **Intermediate pottery classes** A six week intermediate course is held 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays. Session two runs Oct. 14 to Nov. 18. There is a \$55 registration fee plus cost of materials.

## MISC.

### Sponsorship training

Sponsorship training is 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday at the family support center. AFI-36-3011 requires all first-time sponsors, and those who have not sponsored a newcomer in the past year to attend this training. For more information and to register, call the FSC at 754-3154 or visit <http://public.mcguire.af.mil/fsc>.

### IG complaints

In accordance with AFI-90-301, Inspector General Complaints, Air Force members are encouraged to report administrative or quality of life complaints to their chain of command or the responsible agency. This is usually the most expedient means of resolution. The nearest IG office should be contacted for guidance concerning fraud, waste and abuse. While all complaints reported to the IG are considered, members may be referred to the chain of command or other agencies when appropriate. Members who file complaints with the IG are protected from reprisal in accordance with AFI 90-301. Contact McGuire's IG by phone at 754-8711, by e-mail at [305amwig@mcguire.af.mil](mailto:305amwig@mcguire.af.mil) or visit <https://private.mcguire.af.mil/30>

### AFSA meeting

The next Air Force Sergeant's Association meeting is 5 p.m. Oct. 26 in the McGuire Enlisted Club. The meeting was changed from the normal meeting time of Thursday to accommodate the NCO Academy graduation.

### Enlisted Spouses Club

The Enlisted Spouses Club meets

at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Fireside Lounge of the enlisted club. On Oct. 23, they will take a trip to Peddler's Village, one of Buck County's premier shopping and dining destinations. The Village features 70 specialty shops and restaurants, year round festivals and an antique carousel set amidst 42 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens and winding brick pathways. The group will meet at the McGuire shoppette at 8 a.m. Oct. 23 for refreshments before carpooling to the village. For more information, call Carrie Ann Hebert at 723-7032.

### Hispanic Heritage

The Hispanic Heritage Observance Month Committee meets weekly in the Military Equal Opportunity classroom, Room 206 on the second floor of Building 2906. For meeting times, call Master Sgt. Caroline Savage or Master Sgt. Dawn Harrison at 754-7872.

### Native American Heritage

The 305th Air Mobility Wing Native American Heritage Month Committee meets at 1 p.m. Wednesdays in Building 2906, Room 206. Meetings are open to McGuire personnel who wish to get involved with educational events and activities designed to increase the awareness and commemorate the contributions Native Americans have made to society. For more information, call Georgia Dupuis at 723-8959 or 754-2214 or Ginny Brower at 754-2036.

### MOAA meeting

The Lakes and Pines Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly meeting Oct. 21 beginning with a buffet dinner at 5:30 p.m. The guest speaker is Army Col. (ret.) Stephen Abel, a chapter member and the Director of Veterans Affairs of the State of New Jersey. He will discuss the Brig. Gen. William Doyle Veterans Cemetery at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Army Col. (ret.) George Waters Jr. at (856) 767-1451 or [geoh2o@juno.com](mailto:geoh2o@juno.com).

### Tops in Blue

Tops and Blue is coming to McGuire Nov. 17 to perform their 2004 show, "Musicology." Tops in Blue is one of the oldest and most widely traveled entertainment groups of its kind, composed of 35 talented vocalists, musicians, dancers and technicians in the Air Force. The 2004 tour will take them

to more than 27 countries with more than 150 performances. Look in the **Airtides** for more information on the performance as the date approaches.

### Airmen's Attic

Clothing for children who wear infant to size 6x, seasonal items, new and used furniture, appliances, household items and more are available to Team McGuire members and their spouses E-1 to E-4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Airmen's Attic is located at 3446 Broidy Avenue. For more information call 754-8703 or 754-3814.

## FAMILY

### Hearts Apart

The family support center will host a Hearts Apart costume pizza party 6 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 15 at Chapel I annex for family members affected by deployment, remote or extended TDY of the military member. Activities include a cupcake walk, cookie decorating and pumpkin painting. For more information and to register, call 754-3154 or visit <http://public.mcguire.af.mil/fsc>.

### Sweethearts' seminar

All couples are invited to attend a marriage seminar 1 to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 21 and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Chapel II annex. Free child care will be provided and must be scheduled at time of reservation. Lunch will be provided on Oct. 22. Participants will receive one entry to win a dinner-for-two gift certificate to be awarded at the conclusion of the seminar. For more information and to register call Denise Bowerman at 754-2756 or Brenda Pollack at 754-9680.

## KIDS & TEENS

**Playgroup** A playgroup for children 18 months to three years-old is held 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Monday at CDCI. The playgroup for children 18 months and younger is held 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday at CDC I.

### Club Beyond

Club Beyond is a high school meeting with big group games, individual games and skits. Club Beyond is similar to Young Life meetings. The high school meetings are 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and junior high meetings are 7 p.m. Wednesday. This year will consist of monthly events,

campus, fundraisers and service projects. Contact Scott Schesser at 754-5904 or [club@dandy.net](mailto:club@dandy.net) for more information.

### Skate night

The youth center holds a weekly skate night for children of various ages. Children third grade and below are invited to attend from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Fridays at the center. Children in the fourth grade and up are invited to attend from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Fridays, unless otherwise noted. The cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

### Midnight basketball

The McGuire Youth Center holds midnight basketball 10 p.m. to midnight Fridays. There is no cost to play. For more information, call 754-KIDS.

### Boy Scouts

● McGuire Boy Scout Troop 18 invites youth ages 11 to 17 to join them. Meetings are Thursdays in Building 3412. For details call 220-3490.  
● McGuire Boy Scout Troop 99 is extending an invitation to young men ages 11 to 17 interested in boy scouting. Individuals will learn outdoor, survival, leadership and teamwork skills. Meetings are 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Building 3412. For more information, call Mike Phillips, assistant scoutmaster, at 723-2162.

## SELF IMPROVEMENT

**Checkbook management** A checkbook management seminar is 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the FSC. Learn how checking accounts work and how reconciling a checkbook register and statement can be easy. Registration is required. For more information and to register, call 754-3154 or visit <http://public.mcguire.af.mil/fsc>.

### Pre-deployment briefings

The FSC is holding pre-deployment briefings 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Fridays. This 30-minute briefing discusses personal and family readiness issues and meets the requirement for the "Readiness" box on the deployment checklist. For more information, call 754-3154.

### Volunteers

The Air Victory Museum is looking for volunteers.

Help is needed in many areas such as tour guides, maintenance, display set-up and improvement and admission desk. They are located at South Jersey Regional Airport, 68 Stacy Haines Rd., Lumberton, N.J. 08048. For more information call Fred Koch at (609)267-4488, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Friday.

### Nutrition classes

Classes are available at the McGuire Health and Wellness Center. The following classes are held each month: weight loss, diabetes nutrition, cholesterol and high blood pressure, sensible weight and healthy eating. Other nutrition related and individual appointments are available. Classes are open to anyone. For more information, call 754-5718.

## SPIRITUAL

### Catholic services

Daily Mass is 11:35 a.m. Monday through Thursday at Chapel I. Weekend Mass is held 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday at Chapel I. For more information, call 754-HOPE.

### Islamic community

Zhur prayer service is noon Monday through Friday at the Fort Dix Chapel. For more information, call 754-HOPE.

### Jewish community

Jewish community Sabbath worship is 6:30 p.m. the first and third Friday of each month at the Fort Dix Chapel. For more information, call 754-HOPE.

### Protestant services

A Gospel service is 11 a.m. Sunday at Chapel I. The Evangelical service is 11 a.m. at Chapel II. For more information, call 754-HOPE.

### Wiccan

study group meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday each month in the Chapel II conference room. For more information, call 754-HOPE.

### OCF

The Officers' Christian Fellowship meets for Bible study at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Monday of every month at Chapel II. For more information, call 754-HOPE.

### Reformation group

A men's Reformation study group is 11:45 a.m. Fridays at the officers' club. Study the basic theology of Christianity. For more information, call 754-HOPE.



## Keeping the peace at home

# Family advocacy to raise awareness on domestic violence

By Airman 1st Class  
Ashley Casas  
Editor

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month for all branches of the military.

During this month, McGuire is working to increase the team's awareness of domestic abuse and everyone's responsibility to report it.

"We are kicking off our first annual relationship safety campaign and will have information displayed in high traffic, key locations on McGuire and Fort Dix," said Richard Parry, 305th Medical Support Squadron family advocacy outreach manager. "The information will include specific signs an individual may want to look for to determine if they are in a safe relationship and phone numbers to call with questions, to get more information or to report abuse."

The Army and Air Force Family Advocacy Programs, and all agencies on base that are in the Integrated Delivery System, are supporting the col-

laborative effort to get the word out, that abuse is not acceptable. For family members involved in domestic abuse, there are treatment programs that help families learn more appropriate relationship skills. Safe and healthy families are the goals of treatment programs also, explained Mr. Parry.

The Air Force has a zero tolerance for domestic abuse.

"Domestic violence (assault) is against the law and it is counter to good order and discipline, and to Air Force standards," Mr. Parry said. "Readiness is measured by the total person. Someone whose family life involves domestic abuse may be distracted from their ability to perform the mission."

During the past four years McGuire has had 184 reported cases of domestic abuse; 32 in 2000, 48 in 2001, 59 in 2002, and 45 in 2003.

"It's estimated that we only know of one out of 10 incidents of abuse at best," he said. "We all need to be vigilant. We need a strong, health, and safe Air Force for our active-duty



Photo by Kenn Mann

Jean Metz, Division Director of the Providence House, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton looks on as Col. JJ Jackson, 305th Air Mobility Wing commander, signs the Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation Oct. 1. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Prevention month.

members and their families."

There are five factors to look for in a healthy relationship. These factors are represented at various base facilities through silhouettes and posters.

For details on domestic abuse -- what it is and how to report it -- contact the Family Advocacy Office at 754-9680.

Mr. Parry reminds Team McGuire members that "we all need to be aware of what

domestic abuse is, as everyone connected with the military -- active duty, civil service and family members -- are required to report any behavior that they feel may be abusive."



Winner: "'Champ' knew he would enjoy the blowing wind in his face ... but was still confused on how to pull the RIP cord."

— Capt. Darrell Bolton

621st Air Mobility Operations Group  
Runner up: "Boy, I hope no one takes a picture of this."

— Tech. Sgt. Donald Otto  
305th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

## WHAT'S MY LINE?

### The rules

1. Write a humorous or imaginative caption or cutline.
2. All entries must be submitted by noon Monday. Forward e-mail to [airtides@mcguire.af.mil](mailto:airtides@mcguire.af.mil) or drop off entries at the 305th Air Mobility Wing public affairs office, Building 2901, Room 222.
3. Entries are limited to two per person.
4. The person with the funniest or most imaginative caption or cutline gets a 305th Services Squadron Gold Card, which includes a variety of freebies, such as a lunch at Pudgy's and a free round of golf.
5. Each winner can pick up his or her prize in Room 222 of Building 2901. For more information on the contest, call Airman 1st Class Rachel Martinez at 754-8619.



Write a caption or cutline for this photo. The writer whose caption or cutline is the funniest or most imaginative will be printed in the following week's issue. The winner receives a 305th Services Squadron Gold Card.



## Pigskin Picks

“(The Steelers) finally got rid of Maddux”

— **LeNard Green**  
Air Force retired

*It was all about skill for this pigskin winner. He only had three incorrect*



**LeNard Green**

Each week during football season, the **Airtides** publishes a list of the National Football League games for the following week. Team McGuire members can submit their predictions, including the winner and the total points for the Monday night game.

The person who guesses the most outcomes of games correctly wins a 305th Services Squadron Gold Card. Same as last season, we'll also print any suitable smack winners choose to talk.

Now for the losers ... The person or people with the worst record receives the patented “You Don't Know

Jack” award, which encompasses no physical prize. This week's “Jack” award goes to **Denetia Williams**, who had eight guesses incorrect. Better luck next time.

All entries must be submitted before the opening kickoff to the first game on Sunday. The total points of the Monday night game determines the winner if there's a tie for the week.

Forward an e-mail to [airtides@mcguire.af.mil](mailto:airtides@mcguire.af.mil), with the words **pigskin picks** in the subject line, or drop off predictions at the public affairs office located at the 305th Air Mobility Wing headquarters, Building 2901, Room 222.

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### Monday

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## October is physical therapy month

By **Airman 1st Class Ashley Casas**  
Staff Writer

October is national physical therapy month. It's a nationwide event designed to increase public awareness of the career field, from its history to its application, as part of a comprehensive approach to wellness and fitness.

As part of physical therapy month, McGuire's Health and Wellness Center, along with the 305th Medical Group, is offering a “Prevention of athletic injuries” class Oct. 29 at the clinic. They are addressing common sports injuries and ways to help prevent these injuries.

“This year's theme for Physical Therapy month is ‘Get Fit For Life’ with the idea of following the Surgeon General's recommendation of 30 minutes of exercise daily,” explained Maj. Robert Edwards, 305th MDG. “But, you don't have to think about exercise as running or going to the gym. You can walk, swim or play sports to get your exercise.”

The McGuire clinic provides ongoing service in terms of rehabilitation and prevention of orthopedic-type injuries throughout the year. They evaluate and treat the base community at large for a variety of conditions; from back pain to

post-operative rehabilitation of knees and shoulders.

“At our core are the goals of prevention and self-management of injuries,” said Master Sgt. Stephen Testori, 305th Medical Operations Squadron. “We want to return active-duty members back to service as quickly as possible, and enable their family members to resume their normal daily activities as soon as able. We offer prenatal and back classes throughout the year to the McGuire community, and are available to provide briefings for other sports-related injuries upon request.”

About one quarter of the injuries seen at McGuire Physical Therapy are attributed to athletic or fitness injuries, explains Capt. David Sanchez, Physical Therapy element chief. The new Air Force fitness test has more people exercising through squadron runs and exercise sessions. Improper or less than perfect technique can put an individual at increased risk to cause an injury.

“Military people have to be more fit than the average bear,” said Capt. Trevor Petrou, 305th MDOS. “Physical Therapy helps to return an injured Airman back to duty at a quicker rate, thus ensuring mission/warime readiness.”

For more information on physical therapy month events, contact Sergeant Testori at 754-9476.

### Sports Day

## McGuire to celebrate fitness center grand opening

**Who:** All Team McGuire members

**What:** McGuire Sports Day

**When:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 15

**Why:** Celebrating fitness center grand opening

**How:** Thirteen events to be conducted -- Teams to pre-register immediately

### List of the day's events:

Grand opening event at 8 a.m. at the fitness center

5K fun run/walk starts at 8:20 a.m. at the track

Tours and refreshments from 9 to 11 a.m.

Longest drive and putting contest at 11 a.m. at the golf course

Wallyball competition at noon at the fitness center

Volleyball at noon at the fitness center

3-on-3 basketball at noon at the fitness center

PS2 Madden competition at noon at the Airmen's

Firehouse

Bench press contest at noon at the fitness center

Flag football at 12:30 p.m. at the parade grounds

Bowling at 12:30 p.m. at the Fort Dix bowling center

Ping pong competition at 1 p.m. at the Airmen's Firehouse

Racketball at 1 p.m. at the fitness center

6-mile indoor bike race at 2 p.m. at the fitness center

3-point shootout at 2 p.m. at the fitness center

Chiefs vs Eagles softball game at 3 p.m. at Field 1

Award presentation at 4 p.m. at Field 1

